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Soda Jerk gives a sober haven for Halloween

Tony Borreson
WINONAN

About 90 people, many who were Winona State students, showed up to Abby's Soda Jerk Saturday night to celebrate Halloween in an alcohol-free environment.

Most of the three-hour event, which was called "Excursion" by organizers, took place on the sidewalk in front of the restaurant. It included a disc jockey, pumpkin carving, a Fear Factor-style eating contest, and a costume contest.

Quad Hall Director Xavier Wilson, who was dressed as a marquis, said, "I think this is a great alternative to a house party. It gives people who don't drink an opportunity to do something on Halloween."

Soda Jerk franchise owner and manager Jennifer Hoffman said this event is "good, clean fun."

The event also helps keep noise in neighborhoods down because the restaurant is located downtown, said Hoffman.

The eating contest drew loud expressions of shock from spectators.

Those who chose to participate in the contest rolled dice to decide which of the 12 ingredients would be added to the mixture they drank.

Some students were able to stomach an entire glass of their

customized concoction.

Freshman business administration major, David Barajas, who was dressed as Ronald McDonald, drank and kept down a whole glass of pureed salmon, horseradish, fish juice and maple syrup.

Freshman Chad Richardson, dressed in overalls with no shirt on, a wig and a mesh trucker hat drank his entire blend of dill pickle-flavored chips, salmon, Sunny Delight and Clamato.

Richardson said, "It tastes like cat food!" in a southern drawl that was consistent with the theme of his costume.

He said that pride and peer pressure were the factors that motivated him to finish the whole glass.

Other students, like sophomore nursing student Jessica Brickner were unable to finish their drink.

Brickner said she participated to "overcome the challenge." Then decided to cut out early when she felt chunks in the mix.

The costume contest also drew spectators.

Barajas' Ronald McDonald outfit, a 1920's flapper girl and a student dressed in a 1980s outfit took top honors.

Students also bobbed for apples, which were topped off with caramel and sour cream inside the restaurant.

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Crashed Chartwells server back on track

**Danielle Schulz
WINONAN**

The crash of Chartwells server has caused problems with Kryzsko Kash and meal swipes at the Smaug, but the computers were up and running again on Monday.

The chartwells server crashed on Oct. 6 at approximately 10 p.m., said Bruce Bechtle, director of dining services for Chartwells.

Information Technology services was immediately contacted, but were unable to correct the problem. The server was then shipped to the manufacturer and rebuilt. The server was received on Oct. 25, and is in the process of being reinstalled.

The difference between the Smaug and the cafeterias on campus is the value attached to the swipe at the Smaug, Bechtle said.

The Smaug, however, uses a register to add the value of the meal together and the registers and the server are not able to communicate value, Bechtle said.

"Our goal is to accurately retrieve the data that might be lost with the crash of the server," Bechtle said.

It is unclear whether there has been a loss of data, for example, the number of meals used the week prior to the crash.

If data is lost, Chartwells plans on replacing the data with full meals or Kryzsko Kash, said Bechtle.

"It has been a headache," Bechtle said.

Students have the right to be upset, Bechtle said, but unfortunately they take it out on cashiers who are just trying to help.

"I understand that things break down, but you would think that they could fix it faster," said Jamie Tillman, a junior at Winona State.

The majority of students responded with similar answers; the problem is not that it happened, just how long it has taken to be fixed.

"All we can do is tell students the truth and what is going on," Bechtle said. "We are sorry for the inconvenience."



Nicole Feest/WINONAN

A crashed server effecting the Smaug computers, caused lines to back up and students to get impatient in recent weeks.

The crash took place only a few months before a new contract was needed for dining services at Winona State.

When asked if the crash had affected

the chances of another contract being signed, Bechtle said, "Everything we do impacts whether or not we come back in the future."



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The City Alternate-Side Parking Ordinance is in effect starting on November 1st, at 1am and stays in effect until April 1st. This time frame allows the City Street Department ample time to clean the fall leaves from the streets and the snowfall from the streets to allow for safe passage of vehicles.

Please note: If you park your vehicle before 1am, make sure that you have parked on the side of the street indicated for after midnight. **Example:** You parked your vehicle at 10pm on October 22; make sure that you are on the odd-numbered side of the street as it will be October 23 after midnight.

The city fine for an Alternate-Side Parking ticket is \$25.00. The Police Department will begin ticketing vehicles on November 1 at 1am.

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On odd-numbered calendar dates, vehicles may be parked in Municipal Lot #3 on Center Street between 3rd and 4th Street between the hours of 1am and 6:30am.

Please Note: City ordinances also prohibit parking on boulevards and other grassy areas. A violation of these ordinances will cost you dollars. If towed, there will be an additional cost along with a per day storage charge. For more information pertaining to these two ordinances you may contact the Winona Police Department (507) 457-6302 or visit their website at www.2.cityofwinona-mn.com

Police investigate off-campus theft

Kathleen Kulkay
WINONAN

After a night out, a Winona State University student returned home to find her most valuable possessions missing.

Atanza Valentine, 19, experienced this scenario after coming home at 1:15 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, to find her laptop missing.

Valentine was accompanied by friend Tim Filla, 20.

"We walked in and it was all dark, I thought the electricity had been turned off," Valentine said.

Then Valentine reached for her laptop to turn on the screen for a source of light when she found it was not where she had left it.

"That's when I realized I had been robbed," Valentine said.

Valentine and Filla then found that all the lights in Valentine's house had been unplugged.

Once they got the lights back on, Valentine and Filla noticed the damage.

Filla and friend Chuck Klein's laptops were also stolen.

They had left their laptops at Valentines for the night.

Valentine also reported her PlayStation 2 game console, \$500 in DVDs and PlayStation 2 games, credit cards, \$200 worth of waitressing tips, an iPod and school materials stolen.

"Thank God that they left the two seasons of 'The O.C.' otherwise I would have gone after them myself," Valentine said jokingly.

All of Valentine's purses were emptied and thrown around the house.

Valentine said she was relieved her Coach purse did not get stolen.

Valentine and Filla called Valentine's mother and owner of the house, Jen Valentine, friend Rachel Harjes and the Winona police department after they looked through the house.

It took them almost an hour to get here, Filla said.

Once the two police officers arrived, they separated Valentine and Filla for questioning to make sure their stories were similar, said Valentine.

One of the officers then walked through the house with Valentine so she could point out misplaced items.

According to Valentine, the police



Matt Kasper/
WINONAN

Winona State students at an off-campus location had approximately \$10,000 worth of possessions stolen after forgetting to lock one of their windows.



Valentine also said that she will not stay at her house alone because she is

In the beginning of this year, the university handed out 6,000 theft prevention brochures to students.

They also put the brochures in dorm room mailboxes and textbooks during the beginning of the year, Walski said.

According to campus security reports, Winona State has had only 8 burglaries and 31 thefts on campus.

Winona State is generally ranked in the lower five percent for thefts in the nation, Walski said.

think that there were two burglars who entered the house, by cutting the screen of a side window and filled a backpack that was on the floor with Valentine's possessions.

Police suspected the burglars then unplugged all the lights and let themselves out through the back door.

"That was the one window we accidentally left open," Valentine said.

Since the robbery, witnesses have reported to the police that they saw suspicious activities happening in the house that night.

One witness reported seeing the lights turned on at 10:15 p.m.

Valentine and Filla left at 8 p.m. and did not return until 1:15 a.m.

The police assigned an investigator to the case and told Valentine they would contact her once information became available.

"We are guessing that we had about \$10,000 worth of stuff stolen," Valentine said.

too scared.

Don Walski, director of security for Winona State, said that the university has made a big push for crime prevention.

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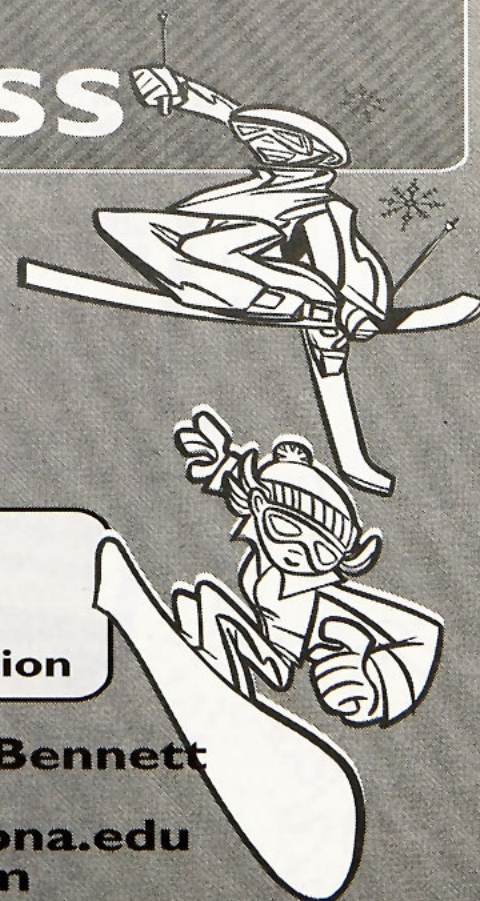
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Winona State looks for space deficit solutions

Joanna Chinguist
WINONAN

A 29 percent space deficit on Winona State University campus is causing cramped offices and larger class sizes.

The space deficit is caused by unused space in Maxwell and Pasteur halls, said Jim Schmidt, vice president of university advancement.

"It's a back-log of problems," Schmidt said of the various models to help improve housing, parking and academic needs on campus.

He said Winona State has the fewest number of acres per student compared to other universities in the state.

Schmidt said a company named Pauline and Associates did an hour-by-hour look at the number of students on campus compared to academic and lab space, and found the amount of dry lab space used for physics and geology was severely limited by the construction in Pasteur.

Schmidt said that the Maxwell Hall renovation is the first

priority of the university and second is a proposed addition to Memorial. Between those two buildings, much needed space will open up for classrooms, offices and student services, he said.

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, Vice President of student affairs Cal Winbush presented the proposed drawings of the renovation to Maxwell and Memorial halls after telling student senators that the university is at 100 percent capacity.

Winbush said the portion of Maxwell called the "stacks" is unusable because of giant rows of shelving units spaced 20 to 30 inches apart, which work as support for the floors above.

Schmidt said the stacks are empty shelves left from when the new library was finished in 1999.

Maxwell was built in 1939 by the federal government during the depression.

In the last few weeks, legislators have visited the university in order to get a better look at the Maxwell building, said Winbush. The need for an up-

date to the building was made apparent after legislators were stuck inside of the old elevator for about twenty minutes.

Schmidt said that certain areas of Maxwell have not been updated since the building was first completed; even the green carpet in the Maxwell gym is the original carpet.

He also said that the building is not up to some codes, such as heating, air conditioning, electric and restrooms.

There is only one set of restroom in the entire building located on the first floor.

There is a 95 percent chance that the Maxwell hall renovation funding will be approved by legislators this term, said Schmidt.

Winbush said funding for Memorial Hall's renovation will come from three different sources; private funding, students and the state. He said the university has already received a "very generous" private donation for the addition.

The proposed plans give the wellness center 7,800 square feet of space, which includes

space for a new gymnasium, gymnastic rooms and a 200-meter track.

The Maxwell addition will house to Integrated Student Services, which will work together to handle student problems of everything from financial aid to parking issues.

According the MnSCU rankings of most important projects, Maxwell is ranked 14 and Memorial 27, out of 27 on the list, said Winbush.

He said he hopes that with good planning and additional funding from non-state sources, Maxwell and Memorial halls can be made a joint venture.

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WSU creates hands-on nursing programs

Jessica Myers
WINONAN

Winona State University is the lead institution out of five in the development of a Center for Integrated Health Science Education and Practice.

According to Director of University Communication, Tom Grier, Winona State is partnering with Rochester Community and Technical College, Minnesota State College Southeast Technical, Ridgewater College and Pine Technical College to help fill the void of health care professionals in Minnesota.

"We also aim to enhance the current workforce by providing new models of education, professional development and continuing education delivery," said Christine Barajas, associate vice president for academic affairs.

The program will receive \$3.3 million to aid the development for the first two years.

"There is need for health care professionals and the need will not go down in the near future," Grier said.

According to Grier, some of the programs are already underway.

One example of the partnership is with Pine Technical College.

Pine Technical College has a virtual

reality program that was used in a mechanistic way before, Grier said.

With the virtual reality, a student can put on the virtual reality helmet and gloves and do medical procedures on a "patient" while receiving feedback from the "patient."

Southeast Technical has a simulation lab, according to Grier, that can also be used to receive feedback from different procedures.

"Putting all these programs together makes one strong program," Grier said.

The program will also work with the community, partnering with the Benedictine Health System, Minnesota HomeCare Association, Olmsted Medical Center, Olmsted Public Health Services, Rochester and Winona Public Schools, and Winona Health.

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Tri Beta gets slap on the wrist for off campus account

**Joanna Chiquist
WINONAN**

Winona State student organizations should learn a lesson from the Biology Honor Society Beta Beta Beta, also called Tri Beta, and its recent on and off-campus account dealings with student senate.

Tri Beta was caught having both on-campus and off-campus accounts, even though regulations state that clubs are not allowed to have both.

"It's unfortunate," Tri Beta's President Bridget Cassidy said. She said this was the first year the club had an on-campus account, so it didn't really understand the regulations and how the account worked.

She said the off-campus account was a savings account for the Luke Calvert scholarship which the club funds every year.

Student Senate found out about Tri

Beta's accounts after the university's Business Office forwarded a bank statement to the student senate treasurer, said Student Senate President Ryan Flynn. The club was then contacted.

Cassidy said the bank statement was accidentally sent to the business office, when it was supposed to go to the biology department so the club's treasurer Andy Baukol could keep track of the account.

Flynn said that after two confrontations between the student senate treasurer and Tri Beta members, he decided that he would meet with the club and settle things.

Flynn said he and the club discussed the issue at a private meeting, which involved Director of Student Activities, Joe Reed, and the two groups came to an understanding.

Student senate voted not to audit the club's on-campus account at its Oct. 26 meeting, but they did decide to freeze

Tri Beta's account until the club figures out which of the two accounts it wants to keep, said Flynn.

Flynn said there are three reasons why it is important student organizations have an on-campus account: Winona State is liable for any off-campus account defaults, club officers graduate and the university can't limit a club's spending and, ultimately, the student body is responsible for an organization's behavior.

All the benefits a club gets from an off-campus account it gets from on-campus accounts, said Flynn.

Clubs can apply for money in the beginning of the year, as well as for small and large gifts for their budgets via special requests.

The university's accounting director, Joanne Lanik said it is against Winona State policy for student clubs to have off-campus accounts if the club also has an on-campus account.

The university actually encourages students to have on-campus accounts since it is libel for any faults on the off-campus accounts.

Lanik said the university can't see where student organizations spend off-campus monies, they could be "spending it at Treasure Island or at Warehouse Liquor."

She said one fear students have is that their money from previous years won't carry over, but that isn't true.

Lanik said that money fundraised by the club will carry over from semester to semester as well as earn interest on the club's savings.

Lanik said she thinks this is a good example for other student clubs, especially those hiding off-campus accounts.

"If nothing else I hope people learn from it," Lanik said. "We all make mistakes."

Adopt-a-block discussed as penalty for campus violations

**Kathleen Kulkay
WINONAN**

Winona State University administrators and students proposed an "adopt-a-block" program during a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The main issue of the group, which included Judith Ramaley, Winona State president,

and Ryan Flynn, student senate president, was the concern of partying by students, especially in neighborhoods close to campus.

Similar to the "adopt-a-highway" program, the committee suggested that students clubs adopt a street or block around campus to give back to the community.

This is a good way for clubs to get their names out into the community, Feger said.

We could work with the city and get signs made that would include which club had which street, said James Schmidt, vice president for university advancement.

It could also be used as a punishment for those students

who receive violations.

Currently, students who get caught in the dorms are punished with a certain amount of community service hours, based upon the severity of their offense.

All student senators present at the meeting agreed that these community service hours do nothing for the offenders but

give them time to think about how not to get caught.

Students would clean up beer bottles and trash off the streets as their punishment, Ramaley said.

Some people have abandoned their neighborhoods because of the behavior of college

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Flynn opposed to parking task force advice

**Amber Dulek
WINONAN**

The parking advisory task force's recommendation to limit the number of rental properties will restrict growth and put students further away from campus, according to Winona State University's student senate president Ryan Flynn.

The committee, which was formed this spring to address parking and rental concerns, made 14 recommendations, including one to curb the number of rental properties from 50 percent down to 30 percent per city block.

This recommendation could increase the rent for student housing near Winona State, Flynn said.

"It will just magnify the parking problems," said Flynn.

Flynn disapproves of the task force's recommendations,

because he said it will not solve the community's problems.

"It won't improve the appearance of rental properties and it won't increase property values," Flynn said.

"We (students) don't have the authority over properties," Flynn said, "That's the landlords—not us."

Also, there is no enforcement of city statutes, Flynn said.

"There are plenty of properties that, if inspected, would get a couple of complaints," Flynn said.

According to assistant city planner Joseph Barbeau, there is a perception that the high concentration of student housing and out-of-town or absentee landlords has created a run-down feeling to some of the buildings.

Currently, about 75 percent of the blocks around campus have rental units on them. Of those blocks, rental units make

up between 50 and 80 percent of the housing.

If parking ordinances are approved, they will not affect present rental properties, Barbeau said.

"Those properties will be grandfathered, even if they are sold, as long as they keep up the certification," Barbeau said.

However, potential rental properties would be subject to the ordinances and would not get certified if there was more than 30 percent of rental properties on that particular block.

"If the house is certified for five (renters), it will remain that way," Barbeau said. "And they can continue to renew."

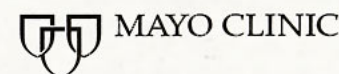
Other proposals include increasing the number of parking spaces per renter, changing the number of unrelated persons allowed to live together to three and enforcing a mandatory parking plan before a building permit will be issued.

The planning commission is organizing a public hearing at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14, in the city council chambers and will be voting on whether to recommend these changes to the city council that same day.

If recommended, the city council will hold another public hearing on Monday, Nov. 21, and they will vote on these issues at its Dec. 5 meeting.

The parking advisory task force was comprised of community members, landlords and students and is chaired by city council member Deb Salyards.

Salyards is a representative for Winona's third ward, she represents students living on-campus, east of campus and downtown.



SUMMER III FOR JUNIOR NURSING STUDENTS



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Minnesota State University-Mankato, with the Center for Engineering and Manufacturing Excellence and Bemidji State University with the Consortium for Manufacturing and Applied Engineering.

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Winbush brought up his concerns with the promotion of alcohol around the community and his plans to discourage it.

Winbush, along with Ruth Schroeder, a health educator for the university, has put together a wellness committee that is looking into alternatives to drinking for students.

Proposals about making a coffee house on campus were discussed, as well as planning for more student activity nights, Winbush said.

Nursing

dents will be more marketable after college, Grier said.

This program is one of four approved by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) in their Center of Excellence Initiative.

The Center of Excellence

Initiative is funded by \$10 million from legislation efforts, allocating between \$2 and \$4 million to each program.

The other lead universities are Metropolitan State University, with the Center for Strategic Information and Security;

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kids who live near by, said Vicki English, a community relations representative.

According to English, elementary school populations are declining because of the high population of student rental housing around the community.

"I am also afraid to walk my dog down certain streets on Sunday mornings because of shattered beer bottles," English said.

Flynn said that it is a minority of Winona State students that give the majority of a bad

reputation.

"It should not be about students versus the community," Flynn said.

English agreed, saying that the whole population is not to blame, but certain behaviors need to be addressed by the university.

Ramaley said she would join the student senate clean up.

The university's 2005 homecoming was also discussed with the group, in which Vice President of Student Affairs Cal Winbush said that it had taken a different tone this year.

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2. *Giving plasma is bad for your body.*

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has lowered my resting heart rate significantly—making it heart-healthy.

3. *Donating plasma involves donating part of your immune system.*

Wrong again. Donating plasma actually consists of donating the liquid protein contained in your blood, primarily the platelets.

Hemophiliacs are the main recipients of plasma donation. According to one staff member at the plasma center, each hemophiliac needs approximately

600 bags of plasma twice a year to replenish their platelet count. Hemophiliacs can potentially die from lack of platelets, which form blood clots in the case of a cut or wound.

The benefits of donating plasma can be seen by both you and the grateful recipients of your donation. Besides the satisfaction of potentially saving a lives, donors can get \$50 by donating twice a week.

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Students are a worthwhile part of society



Kai Oehler
Op/Ed Columnist

Norville Rogers is angry. He begins his letter to the Winona Daily News stating, "Fact: College students are filthy, immoral drunkards." He writes to condemn Winona citizens' mentality that students will remain students (in his words, heroin injecting, whoring students) and that residents who don't like it can "shut up," since they know, or should know, the implications of living alongside college life.

I can't think of a level this letter doesn't offend on, but it speaks as much truth as it does smack. City residents have had their share of loud student drunks chucking, "bucking,"

and being schmucks to their neighbors in general.

But is the ultimatum Rogers suggests—closing up shop if student neighbors are unbearable or forever holding their peace if staying—really necessary? Is the revolving door of uncertain, impulsive 18 to 22-year-olds (without much for life experience, mind you) unbearable to the Joneses so much that criteria for citizen division becomes not sexuality or race, but enrollment; bigotry towards college students?

The reason journalists are less prone to dislike gays, Anna Quindlen presumes in her collection of columns, *Living Out Loud*, is from the exposure they have of them; you can't hate someone as easily when you begin to see similarities in addition to the differences.

So Rogers, when you tell us cretins what we're worth—as we lose a popularity contest to Tom Delay and the bird flu—have you seen us raising money for Katrina or becoming proud, capable people over four years time? Do you see the platforms on which we're

building our lives—justice, democracy, reliance on facts that are not self-proclaimed, things that make the world a better, multi-dimensional home for anyone who chooses to treat others with respect?

If you have it your way, you won't have the comforts of Burger King or anything else; students, whether you like or not, are a necessary pillar of Winona.

We support the economy and tax base, work free for causes you haven't got time for, and, if you haven't heard, rally for the referendum to help area schools. We're hardly exclusively on the go getting drunk and busy with each other path.

Above all, by suggesting silence when faced with rowdiness, the heart of the problem speaks for itself.

Adults have long thrown out a responsibility as mentors, as guiding forces—even as figures of caution. The fine print in the law is the only presiding force over people who fail to feel qualified, or retain the rights to taking someone aside, directly asking why they lack consider-

ation.

Frivolous lawsuits abound; how could it be assumed that common sense exists as anything other than a relic from yesteryear? Society collectively thrives in a bar-none material world that asks why have anything less than what you want?

With shallow knowledge and experience, we want what we know, whether or not it's the best for us.

So show us the importance of community—what it does for you, and why we need to understand it.

Maybe those who have fueled this argument and refuse to live near anarchy, offering highhanded advice from their comfortable writing desks, cannot grasp the pulse of the rest of the community just as they do not appreciate college students. When they figure out we have ears, they will see we're worth talking to eye-to-eye.

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Student applauds Smaug's unveiling

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Mad props to Tyler Shepard and his posse for their article exposing the dark side of our "fast and friendly, drop in between classes, food court." It was nice to finally have someone stand up and say something about how ridiculous the Smaug is! We are all sick up unfair prices, cold food and waiting in line forever. I witnessed all of the Smaug employees passing around the Winonan this morning reading Tyler's letter and they looked as if they were in shock and dismay that someone would write that. C'mon Smaug, this is the 21st Century, we aren't afraid to tell the truth! Get your act together!

Music students urge peers to support referendum

Tasha Kalis
Fifth Year
Music Education Major

Mary Disinski
Fifth Year
Music Education Major

This letter is to draw attention to a pressing issue in our community. The Winona Public School District and the Winona School Board is asking our community to support our schools. On November

8, 2005, community members are given the chance to show their support of the education offered to our future leaders by voting yes for the referendum. Without the passage of the referendum, the school district will be forced to make drastic cuts in their budget. These cuts include, but are not limited to; music lessons for all grades and money that currently goes to supplying music classrooms with the educational tools that are necessary to provide our students with a well-rounded music education.

As students of Winona State University who are studying education and child development we are writing to urge community members to support this year's referendum and to carefully consider the negative consequences these cuts will have on the future of Winona's public education students.

If the listed cuts to the music program do occur it will cause a higher student to teacher ratio and fewer resources to teach the content that is necessary in a well-rounded music education. Our students deserve to have up-to-date resources; cutting the budget will not allow this. These impending cuts will devastate the music program.

Students who are participating in musical activities such as singing or playing an instrument use ninety percent of the brain. This was researched by Dr. Frank R. Wilson, a San Francisco neurologist, who also states that no other activ-

ity uses the brain to this extent.

Public education should give students a well-rounded perspective on life. Dr. Howard Gardner says there are at least seven intelligences: linguistic, logical-mathematical, musical, spatial, bodily kinesthetic, intrapersonal and interpersonal. The experience students receive while studying music is unique unto itself and cannot be recreated in any other environment.

Not only is music a unique experience; it is an all-encompassing subject bridging cultures, disciplines and ways of thinking. As a public school focused on providing a well-rounded education for its students, our community is responsible for and should be willing and proud to give as many opportunities to these young adults as possible. Let's not deny our children any opportunities we are capable of giving them.

Students party on in Madison despite warnings

Zach Krogman
Senior
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In response to the letter from the Daily Cardinal urging Winona State students to avoid Madison during Halloween, I would like to share a firsthand experience from the past weekend in Madison, and in addition, juxtapose that experience with the past four Halloweens I spent in Winona.

Madison was a good deal of fun. Roaming State Street and revelling in the pagan's big night was a great experience. I have never seen anything like it in Winona, something like a less crowded and safer Mardi Gras, but colder. The only crowds I've seen like it in Winona are crammed into hot bars or soon to be busted house parties. In fact, the big party in Winona, at the Blackhorse, is meant for people at a huge frisbee tournament, and is consistently over capacity and beverages are hard to come by. In addition, it is only open to those of age, while the streets of Madison welcome people of all ages.

There are more things to do in Madison than go to State Street and mingle with various ghouls and sexy French maids, however. While my friends and I were there we were able to catch a concert by The Hold Steady, a national act that has been featured on Conan O'Brien, for a paltry \$12. After the show, the lead singer mingled with the crowd and complimented my esteemed colleague's costume! With the music playing at a louder than reasonable volume, no cops showed up (at least real ones). In Winona, at most parties fear playing the music loud enough to hear since the neighbors eventually call the police, and the only acts you can see at bars are local jam bands. At no point was I harassed, tear-gassed, maced, or arrested by the police (who remained very civil though slightly on edge),

despite my comrades and I singing loudly and shouting at many similarly disposed party-goers.

While all parties carry some risk, they also contain varying degrees of reward. I found the stories of risks in Madison to be largely overblown in the best case, and downright dishonest in the worst. However, the rewards were more than I could possibly hope. Next year, don't be deterred by the naysayers; if you have the chance, go enjoy one of the biggest and most enjoyable parties of the year. I know it was one of the best of my life.

A Note from the Winonan:

We invite readers and Winonan staff members to share their opinions in these columns.

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Laura Greene
Copy Editor

Terrifying Halloween costumes

Despite the number of Halloween parties I have gone to, the costumes never cease to scare me—and not in the traditional "boo" way.

I think it's just disgusting, not to mention very uncreative, the way people (girls in particular) use Halloween as an excuse to wear as little

clothing as possible.

I applaud those who use their brains to make their costumes. Here's a list of costumes to avoid for next year:

1. Yourself—dressing as yourself may be scary, but awfully boring.
2. Cowgirls or boys—lame.
3. Sports heroes—again

kinda boring.

2. The opposite sex—nobody really wants to see that side of you, thanks.

1. "Naughty" nurses, police officers, etc.—eww kids, this is overdone and disgusting.

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Students give Halloween treats to Winona community

Arts & Entertainment

Stephanie Magnuson
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Winona State University residence halls went door-to-door last week, but they weren't looking for candy.

Students did Trick-or-Can last Thursday, an event where participants visit Winona homes to collect non-perishable food donations for charity.

The group received almost 200 food items for the Winona Food Shelf.

Anna Nelson, a resident assistant in the Lucas dorm, hosted the event and encouraged 10 girls to help.

The group split up to cover different blocks around Winona.

Canned soups, vegetables and macaroni and cheese were the most common items collected.

Nelson said Winona residents were generous and eager to assist others.

"The community was very receptive and appreciated what we were doing," she said. "It was good to have a positive representation of college students for the community to see."

Trick-or-Can also took place within the dorms.

Instead of going door-to-door within the community, some participants collected donations from dorm residents.

Students who gave non-perishable food items received candy for every item they donated.

Lourdes Hall resident and resident assistant Lindsey Carroll was one of the original people that organized the Trick-or-Can event.

"I love seeing the residents in Lourdes Hall get so involved, and I hope this event will get bigger over the years and other halls will start participating in it," said Carroll. "I also like this activity because it gives the RAs in Lourdes Hall the chance to get their faces out there in ways other than policy enforcing."

Carroll said West Campus collected enough food items last year to fill up a large garbage can.

"I would like to get one item from every student who is home when we come around," said Lourdes Hall Director, Sarah Olcott.

This is West Campus' second year participating and, be-

cause of its success, Prentiss-Lucas, the Quad and Sheehan halls now participate.

The food will be donated to Winona Volunteer Services Food Shelf, located on 416 E. 2nd Street.

About 547 families receive supplemental food from the food shelf each month.

Winona's food shelf is part of Minnesota Hunger Partners, a statewide partnership dedicated to ending hunger through food shelves, soup kitchens and food banks.

Besides earning donations for charity, students also celebrated Halloween through actual trick-or-treating.

The residence halls allowed children to trick-or-treat at dorm rooms.

For two hours on Halloween night, children and their families checked in and were given a map of which rooms were offering treats.

About 50 rooms in the Prentiss-Lucas Hall gave out candy, and most other dorms had similar numbers.

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Ashley Camper/WINONAN

Winona State University professors showed their creative sides at last Wednesday's Faculty Art Gallery Show. (Above) Art professor and Art Department Chair Anne Plummer unveils two statues she created. (Below) Seho Park, also an art professor at Winona State, talks about his paintings.



Class project helps students handle long-distance relationships

Meggan Massie
WINONAN

College can be a handful for many students.

Balancing a job, juggling a full class load and maintaining a healthy social life can be trying.

For some Winona State University students, going off to college means leaving their significant other behind, which can add a new dimension of stress to an already taxing situation.

One student in Gaylia Borrer's Counseling Theory and Practice class is using a project to help address this problem.

John Weibel, who is in a long-distance relationship with his girlfriend of two-years, chose to create a group to help others with similar experiences.

The group, known as "Going the Distance," has seven members who are in long-distance relationships.

They meet every week for a month, and each session will

include a different activity.

Weibel said he chose this subject because he was interested and felt that there was a significant amount of people who would benefit from it.

He said the project is like mock group counseling.

"It is basically a discussion forum, but we make sure the conversation doesn't get too heavy," he said.

The meetings are closed because they focus on specific things for each member, Weibel said.

He plans on covering certain aspects of long-distance relationships, including the various stages and coping techniques.

Organizing the group was not easy, Weibel said.

"From recruiting, to making flyers and posters, to organizing content to preparing the meetings themselves, it was a lot of work," he said.

Weibel recruited participants through the WSU Update, a daily activity list sent via e-mail to all students and

faculty.

He said the group met once already, and the event seems to be well received.

"Members are enjoying themselves, even though there is still a lot of ground to cover," Weibel said.

Students in Borrer's class were assigned to facilitate a group on a selected topic.

Some ideas ranged from adult substance abuse to peer relations.

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Students engage in hands-on activity to experience gender roles

Lindsey Holl
WINONAN

Spitting, excessive swearing and dressing as the opposite sex are behaviors that may shock both men and women.

Society expects men and women to behave in particular ways.

Several Winona State University students had an opposite-gender experience in Power, Privilege and Gender, a women's studies course about the meaning and differences in race, gender and sexual orientation.

The students were assigned to violate their gender roles and then analyze how others reacted to their unusual behavior.

Student Emilie Wiener said she wanted to brighten a friend's day while doing this

assignment, and decided to send flowers to a male friend.

When her friend received the flowers he thought it was a pleasant surprise.

He got extra attention from other females wanting to know who sent him the flowers.

However, some males ridiculed him for the flowers.

Other students in the class also had creative ways to violate their gender roles.

Some female students belched in public, "chewed tobacco" at social gatherings, ate larger portions in the cafeteria, rearranged their chest area while talking or tried on men's clothing at the mall.

The students who chewed tobacco placed shredded beef jerky in a tin and pretended it was real tobacco.

They heard comments like, "That's disgusting," and "Girls

aren't supposed to do that."

The males at the party who were chewing tobacco received no harsh comments.

One student used vulgar language at the mall and noticed that responses differed depending on age.

High school and college students didn't seem to mind the language, but older witnesses had noticeable reactions.

They didn't comment, but instead made facial expressions indicating that they didn't like the language.

Cindy Killion, who teaches the course, said she got the idea from professor Tamara Berg, who had done the assignment before.

Berg said she developed the project because she wanted to get students to think about how powerful gender norms are in a

culture and to actually experience what it's like to violate a gender norm.

Killion said this project is important because it teaches students what it's like to be outside of gender norms and how gender roles have been socially constructed.

She said it also helps students critically analyze what it means to be "normal" by determining who benefits from gender norms.

Wiener said that it was challenging because it forces people to temporarily change their personalities.

Students also faced uncomfortable situations, and many found themselves behaving in ways they wouldn't usually act.

"It was hard to be willing to do something and then deal with the repercussions because people don't pay attention to the fact that it's for a class, even though that shouldn't matter. People will still identify you as the girl who chews tobacco or the girl who is always rearranging her chest area," Wiener said.

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Sevendust's new release heaviest album yet

Will Maravelas

WINONAN

When long-time Sevendust guitarist Clint Lowery left the band to start new project, fans wondered if the band would survive without its principle songwriter and co-founder.

To make matters worse, they split with long-time record label TVT Records.

Sevendust answered defiantly and loudly with "Next," their latest and heaviest album in years.

The album maintains the melodic Lajon Witherspoon vocals that fans have come to expect, but "Next" features the singer returning to the shouts that he hasn't exercised since their third album, "Animosity."

The first track, "Hero," doesn't let up until the fifth track, "This Life," which gives the listener a break before returning to the action.

Guitarist John Connolly, bassist Vince Hornsby and new-

comer guitarist Sonny Mayo have crafted darker and more interesting melodic song structures.

The contagious choruses fans expect are there, but they don't sound happy and wimpy like their previous studio effort, "Seasons."

Midway through the album, the band begins to stray from the heavy aspect.

The song, "See and Believe," is well-written, but it sounds like a filler compared to the other tracks.

One great ballad is the final track, "Shadows in Red," which is an example of great songwriting.

As a bonus, "Next" comes with a DVD documenting the band's changes and the recording process.

Album: "NEXT"

Rating: B

Album Highlight: "Hero"

Official website: <http://www.sevendust.info>

Go see them live: Nov. 22, 2005 at the Congress Theatre in Chicago, Ill.



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Newest Foo Fighters album one of the best of the year

Will Maravelas
WINONAN



I try to avoid reviewing mainstream acts that everyone is familiar with because it seems redundant to raise awareness of an already popular group.

However, Foo Fighters' new album, "In Your Honor," is too good not to get the credit

it deserves.

Although the album was released a few months ago, it has already solidified itself as a contender for best release of the year.

It's in my top five for sure. "In Your Honor" is a double-disc collection with beefy-real rock and roll on one disc and lighter ballads on the second disc.

The collection showcases both sides of the band, including their raucous, guitar-fueled power songwriting and the raw, emotional balladry.

Vocalist, guitarist and principle songwriter Dave Grohl has said in interviews that "In Your Honor," the group's fifth

studio album, was one of his proudest accomplishments as a musician.

That says a lot for someone who was a member of Nirvana and Queens of the Stone Age.

Grohl and drummer Taylor Hawkins, bassist Nate Mendel and guitarist Chris Shiflett have taken their songwriting to a new level from their 2002 release, "One by One."

With "In Your Honor" they have successfully created a career-defining album.

The first disc is full of instantaneous classics.

"The Deepest Blues Are Black," "No Way Back" and "Best of You" are all woven together so effortlessly that it

feels like the band recorded the album in a late afternoon jam session over a few cups of coffee.

The album's title track kicks off with Grohl sounding the most honest he has in years: "In your honor I would die for you tonight, for you to feel alive."

His delivery is so raw and powerful it begs the listener to question where all this angst is originating.

On the flipside, disc two is emotionally driven and completely devoid of any rock and roll bravado.

Its essence resides in the lyrics and light picking of acoustic guitars behind Grohl's

melodic, melancholy voice.

"Honor" is definitely the best rock release of the year, if not the best album of the year.

This album proves that the band has an endless potential to craft timeless music.

Album: "In Your Honor"

Rating: A

Album Highlight: "The Last Song" (disc 1) "Miracle" (disc 2)

Go see them live: The Foo Fighters are in Europe, but plan to schedule more gigs stateside early next year.

Official website: <http://www.foofighters.com>

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Jamie: Mr. or Mrs. Right is out there

Jamie—out chairs and go easy on the swears.

I live in Madison, so why don't you think anyone should go there? It's better than Mardi Gras! People come from all around the country and even the world because it is so great. Nothing bad happens, and nobody gets TOO rowdy until 2 a.m. when all the drunks in the bars are kicked out!!!

Madtownee,

First, I never said those oh-so-simple CNN words. Second, "better than Mardi Gras," is an opinion. Third, I care for my Winona State partiers. Finally, I am a Badger fan and always right. Bottoms up.

Nervous that you may not find Mr. or Mrs. right here at college? Here are some simple tips to help you make any relationship more enjoyable and memorable, and even create stronger love. It could even lead to marriage.

1) The saying, "Don't sweat the small stuff," is hogwash. Always tell the truth, say your prayers, hold doors, pull

2) Surprises win guy's hearts.
3) Compliments, compliments, compliments. You have eyes of an angel; your hair looks beautiful this morning; you look great in your PJs.

4) Don't cheat, unless the other person is really hot. I'm joking. No, I'm JOKING. NEVER CHEAT!!!

5) Play darts, Twister and Four Square.

6) Make the sparks fly in different places. Try campus sometime.

7) Do stuff out of the ordinary. Write cheesy poems, have those occasional trips to the candy shop and make sure Kris Kross can make you two jump.

8) Learn a good song on the guitar, piano or on some other instrument and sing to him or her while dressed up as Tony the Tiger.

9) Remember one is good, but two is better. Write that down.

Any questions or concerns about sex feel free to email JamieBlairwsu@gmail.com.

Vigil to remember those who have died in Iraq WED. Nov. 2nd 7:00pm Windom Park

Recently the U.S. military death toll hit the 2000 mark. Tens of thousands of Iraqi people have died as well. On Wednesday, November 2 at 7 pm a candlelight vigil will be held to remember those who have died in this conflict, both U.S. and Iraqi people. This vigil will be held at Windom Park on the corner of Broadway and Huff Street. This vigil is neither a protest against or a validation of the war, but simply a time to mourn those who have tragically died. All are welcome to be there. The vigil is sponsored by Social Action Office of the Diocese of Winona at Catholic Charities, Newman Center, Lutheran Campus Center, and the Winona Area Peacemakers.

'Saw 2' a mediocre, sloppy horror sequel

Erik McClanahan
WINONAN

Film
"Saw 2"

Movie Type
Horror/Thriller

Running Time
93 minutes

Directed by
Darren Lynn Bousman

Cast
Donnie Wahlberg, Shawnee Smith, Tobin Bell

MPAA Rating
R: for grisly violence and gore, language and drug content

Rating
C

"Saw 2" is a painful movie to watch.

It is painful in the fact that we see numerous torture devices slice and dice one victim after another.

Yet, it is also painful to watch because the story, acting and inevitable plot twist in the finale are all incredibly unin-

spired.

Darren Lynn Bousman (whose other works include "Identity Lost" and "Butterfly Dreams"—yeah, I've never seen them either) directed this half-baked follow-up of last year's demented, exciting "Saw," a film that is loads of fun to watch despite its flaws and laughable acting.

Bousman wrote the script with Leigh Whannell, who wrote and starred (as one of the Jigsaw Killer's unfortunate victims) in the original "Saw."

Lions Gate Films Studio decided to "green light" the sequel after the first film's profitable opening weekend (in which it earned more than \$18.2 million—a huge return on a film that was made on an estimated budget of \$1.2 million), and the end result is a rushed, poorly-made horror sequel.

This is not the first of its kind in the genre, nor will it be the last.

The problem with sequels (especially horror sequels) is that as soon as the studios make a profit from a scary movie, they throw together a follow-up so quickly that they forget what made the original successful in the first place.

"Saw" was good because

the filmmakers made the most out of what their minimal budget could provide.

It took place almost entirely in one room (similar to Quentin Tarantino's "Reservoir Dogs"), yet it held the audience in suspense until the jaw-dropping conclusion, which compensated for the script's plot holes, cheesy dialogue and even cheesier acting.

"Saw 2" follows a similar formula.

Detective Eric Mason (Donnie Wahlberg, formerly of New Kids on the Block fame) discovers the Jigsaw Killer's hangout early in the film, and when he catches the wheelchair-bound sociopath we learn more of his history.

We are told why he became Jigsaw (he blames the media for giving him that nickname) even though only an idiot would have missed that in the first "Saw."

As important as character development is in any film, this felt tedious because horror films are always more scary when the audience doesn't have all the answers, creating a sense of mystery and suspense as to what makes a man do such terrible things to human beings.

Mason is told by John (Jig-

saw's real name) that his thief son and seven other people are locked in a house that has infected them with a deadly nerve gas.

The detective watches the events unfold on security cameras as each character becomes a victim to Jigsaw's booby traps.

Why were these people selected to be put in this twisted fun house?

Are they all connected in some way?

Is Donnie Wahlberg quite possibly the worst actor ever?

These are all questions you will no doubt ask yourself as the story unfolds.

I use the term "story" loosely, of course, because "Saw 2" has no story.

We basically sit and watch a police officer let one person after another get mutilated, burned and severed as he sees the events unfold on multiple television screens.

The ending to "Saw" was a surprise that came out of nowhere, but "Saw 2" tries too hard for another big twist and the film suffers greatly.

You may not see the ending coming, but it is still contrived and lame.

"Saw 2" is all style and no



substance.

Director Bousman seemed more concerned with making the film look like an MTV video.

The original movie had this look as well, and it was hardly one of its strengths.

None of my nitpicking may matter to you if you're looking for a gory ride during Halloween.

I was the odd man out as my roommates all enjoyed "Saw 2" (apparently they weren't the only ones who liked it, as the film has already taken in \$30.5 million this past weekend, leading inevitably towards a "Saw 3").

Nonetheless, "Saw 2" is a painful movie to watch.

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DVD REVIEW: "Batman Begins"

Directed by Christopher Nolan, rated PG-13

Perhaps the best comic book film ever made (other great ones include "Sin City" and "X-Men 2"), "Batman Begins" tells the origin of the caped crusader, and it does so with terrific storytelling and thrilling action sequences.

Writer/director and filmmaking genius Christopher Nolan (director of "Insomnia" and "Memento," a film that is in my top ten favorites of all time), along with co-writer David S.

Goyer (comic book fanatic and writer of the "Blade Trilogy") brilliantly reinvent the "Batman" franchise, giving us the reasons behind Bruce Wayne's donning of the bat suit.

"Batman Begins" succeeds where most comic book films (like "The Hulk" for instance) fail miserably: it tells the superhero story in a realistic way and actually tries to examine why a man would go through such extremes to fight crime.

The two-disc deluxe edition DVD is full of insightful special features and also includes a miniature DC comic book filled

with three "Batman" stories that inspired the film.

The seemingly endless special features on the bonus disc are accessed through a comic book setting, with each page leading to a different feature (the highlight being the interviews with Nolan and Goyer about how they adapted the comic book for the screen).

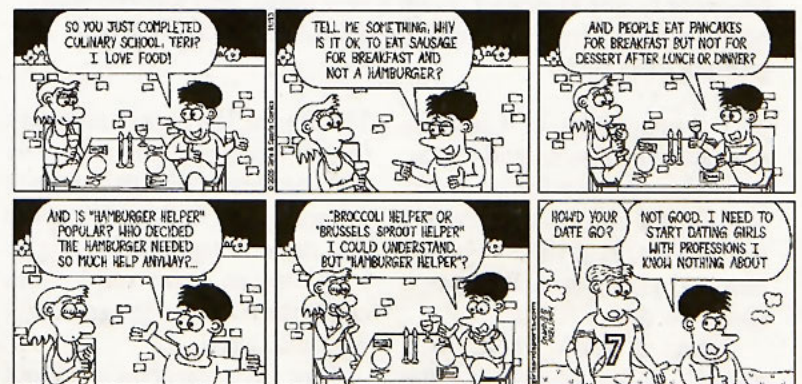
"Batman Begins" succeeds on nearly all levels: the direction is skillful, the special effects are great though used only to service the story, the pacing of the film is brisk and the villains are awesome.

Scarecrow, played with gusto by Cillian Murphy—from "28 Days Later"—is easily the franchise's best villain since Jack Nicholson played Joker

in Tim Burton's original "Batman."

It also features a surprising cast of talented actors.

Grade: A



Girls & Sports

Jibber Jabber: Is it time for Favre to find the pine?



Ian Stauffer
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Eds. Note: Sports reporter John Huggenvik and editor Ian Stauffer are debating whether Brett Favre should hit the pine. Reach Ian Stauffer at IDStauff3770@winona.edu or John at JAHuggen4108@winona.edu

Ian: At what point does a legend become expendable? In case you're confused, I'm talking about Brett Favre and the Packers. Although Favre is on

Can you bench a legend? With the Pack at 1-6, will it be long before rookie Aaron Rodgers gets a shot?

an emotional attachment to the "legend" (meaning I don't have a cardboard cutout of him in

NFC North Standings	
Chicago	4-3
Detroit	3-4
Minnesota	2-5
Green Bay	1-6

my bathroom), it is much easier to see that Favre's numbers are down from where they have been in the past. He is three interceptions from setting a career best (or worst) with nine more games to go. He isn't on pace to set a personal best for

was the old apartment. It's in my living room now. Anyway, that's not important. Favre has done a lot of amazing things in his career, and there is no way you can bench a guy like that. He'd probably chew through his own hand if he was forced to sit on the bench for an entire game. I say let him play and give him a shot to at least try to bring his team — and it is *his* team — around.

John: The problem is that in giving Favre a chance you are sitting on a first-round pick in the form of Aaron Rodgers. He needs a chance to show what he has got, and what better time to do it then after you have effectively run yourselves out of the playoffs? He was touted as one of the best quarterbacks in the draft class last year and the only guy to go ahead of him is starting. Granted Favre's outing last Sunday wasn't the first time someone imploded against the Beggles (see Daunte Culpepper in Week 2), but that doesn't mean that it is acceptable.

Ian: If they throw Rodgers out there now though, they face the danger of him getting teed off on and allowing his confidence to be shattered. It would be better to keep him benched for the year and continue to learn (like Culpepper and Carson Palmer were) rather than be thrown into the fire and be terrible for two seasons (like David Carr, Tim Couch, or Peyton Manning — he was really bad his first season or two). He needs to continue to learn, and in the meantime, Favre has earned the chance to try and redeem himself.

John: But like Peyton Manning (who is now the best quarterback in football), he could turn into something fantastic. Plus, with the cast of no-names the Packers are throwing on the field week in and week out, he will fit right in. I mean really, the only

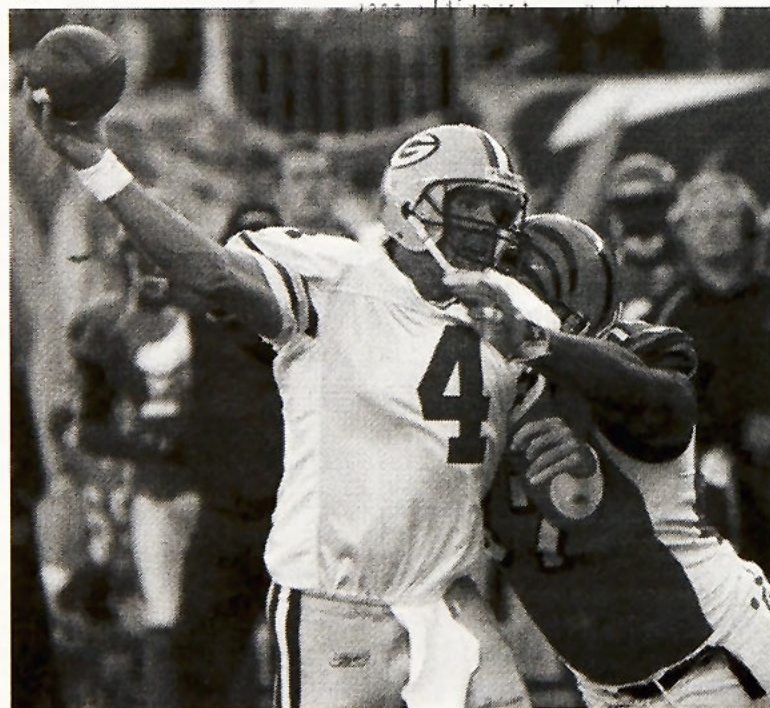
signal caller to go higher than Rodgers was Alex Smith, who is starting, and Rodgers has only thrown one regular-season pass. Plus, by the looks of it, Rodgers is better.

But Rodgers isn't the question — Favre is — and he has not proved himself worthy of the starting job any more. He should have taken last year's



John Huggenvik
Sports Reporter

thrown this year? He is still worthy, plus he deserves the chance because of his unbelievable career. Rodgers



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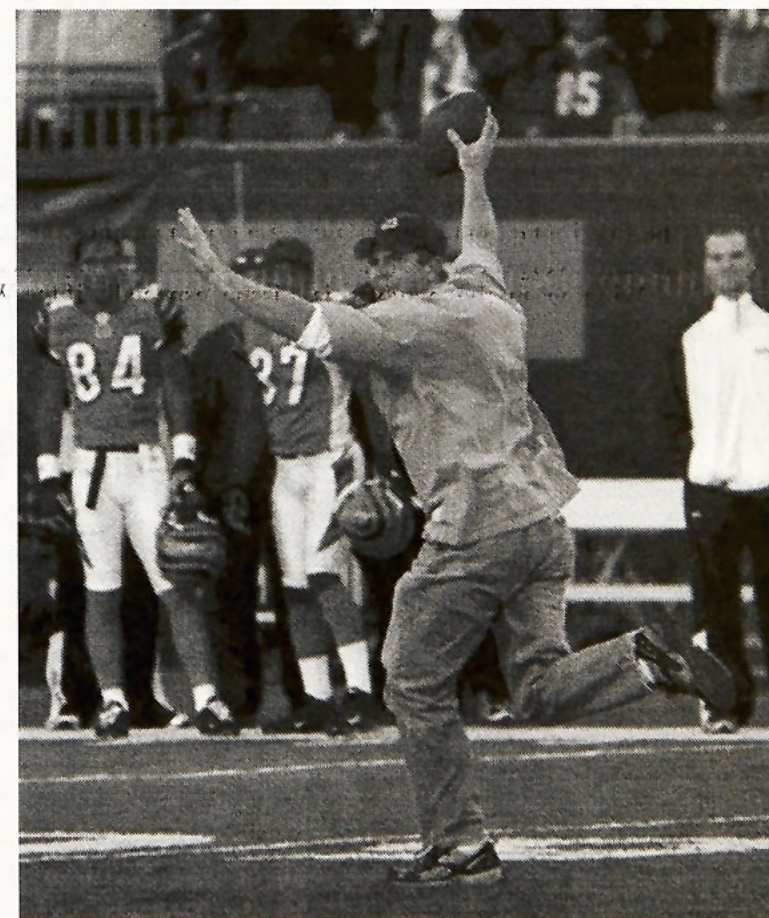
Favre only got knocked down a few times and sacked just once, but he threw five picks and looked foolish on the game's final play.

pace for one of his best seasons ever in touchdowns and yards, he is also on pace for his worst record and most interceptions in a season. Is it time to bench him and give Aaron Rodgers a shot? No way.

John: I think it is time that he fades away into the distance. For those of us without

TD passes. He is only half way to last year, and that isn't his all-time best. His QB rating is dropping and it doesn't appear that there is any relief in sight. I say sit him down and let him coach the rookie to the greatness he use to have.

Ian: My cardboard cutout isn't in the bathroom. That



AP Photo

Favre had such a bad day with a career-high five interceptions, even this guy got a pick late in the second half.

beating in the first round of the playoffs as a real good indicator about his football career. It is time to hang up the spikes and go be over-competitive during the father/daughter games at Brittany's school.

Ian: What? Are you insane? First of all, Alex Smith is hurt. Good rookie season so far. And second, have you seen all the touchdowns Favre has

did not come out of school with the hype that guys like Manning did, and he is probably destined for a career somewhere between Couch and Peyton.

With the ragtag crew Green Bay is putting on the field, Rodgers is more likely to come up short and look bad. For now, he should just stay on the bench. Give Favre another chance... until next week anyway.

On the ball...It won't be easy



Ian Stauffer
Sports Editor

To coach Tom Sawyer and the rest of the Winona State University football team: it isn't going to be easy.

And I'm talking about everything.

I'm talking about beating Concordia in the dome, I'm talking about beating whoever you have to play on the road in the first round, and I'm talking about moving on after that.

Winning in the playoffs is never easy, no matter where you are playing, as WSU can

attest after last year's close loss to Grand Valley State at home, but is even tougher when playing on the road.

And just to make things tougher, the Warriors will probably be on the road for every playoff game they have.

But I guess it makes sense that it won't be easy.

If it were easy, it wouldn't be the playoffs, and the championship at the end wouldn't be quite as great.

There is a lot standing in the way of the Warriors' potential run to the national championship, and it isn't just the teams WSU will play against on the way to Florence, Ala.

The Warriors have a lot of young players, especially on offense, who haven't played in a lot of big games.

Confidence might also be an issue, especially if the Warriors have to go up and play at North Dakota, who ended WSU's 26-

game home winning streak earlier this year.

But in the end, the toughest thing the Warriors will face is whoever is on the other side of the ball.

But I'm getting way ahead of myself, and some of the Warriors are probably starting to think a little too far ahead as well with all this national championship talk.

Winona State wouldn't even be in the playoffs if they started today because WSU isn't in the top 10 in the region.

So before any playoff dreams can come true, the Warriors need to beat James McNear and Concordia-St. Paul this weekend in the Metrodome.

If Vegas put a line on the game, I'd say WSU -7 would be a pretty good one, but when the Warriors and CSP meet up, anything can happen.

Undefeated seasons have been ruined, playoff berths

have been earned, and conference titles have been decided.

I don't think anyone expects Winona State to roll over Concordia like the Warriors have done to their last six or seven opponents, but at the same time, not many people are expecting CSP to win when WSU has so much on the line.

Some might say the WSU football doesn't deserve to be in the playoffs because of a weak conference, but the Warriors have done plenty to prove they should be in.

They played a tough nonconference schedule, including North Dakota, and they haven't struggled with a single "weak" opponent in conference.

But just as another warning, not that anyone even remotely close to the WSU football team needs it—it won't be easy.

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Club Sports Corner

The Winona State women's rugby team completed their most successful season in history Sunday.

WSU beat top-ranked UW-Milwaukee 17-10 in a 100-minute overtime match, but lost to St. Cloud State 15-11 in the Midwest Round of 8.

Winona State finished the fall season with an 8-3 record, including the school's first ever win over Minnesota.

The spring season will begin in February and the team would like to thank all who helped cheer and support it.

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Warriors clinch NSIC, FF race up in the air

Ian Stauffer
WINONAN

It's over in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference race, but it is anything but over in the fantasy football race.

Winona State's win over Wayne State last weekend gave the Warriors at least a share of the title for the third straight year, while Anthony's lead over Paul has shrunk to just 28 points with one week to go.

Quarterback Drew Aber had a big day for WSU, throwing for 194 yards and two scores and also running for 96 yards and another touchdown.

One score went to Brian Hynes, who is just 257 yards and five touchdowns behind WSU school records, both held by Chris Samp in 2004.

The other big day in the conference went to Northern State quarterback John Russell, who shredded UM-Crookston.

Russell threw three touchdowns and ran for three

more, while amassing 146 passing yards and 15 rushing yards.

The Bemidji State defense had the biggest day on that side of the ball, holding Moorhead to 13 points, scoring a defensive touchdown and tallying three turnovers and three sacks.

The WSU-Concordia-St. Paul game is by far the biggest on the slate this week.

The two have been rivals for several seasons now, and on the line is the Golden Bears' chance to share the NSIC title and a playoff berth for Winona State.

Standings after Week 9

Anthony (Bemidji)	673
Paul (Winona Radio)	645
Ian (Winonan)	538
Greg (KQAL)	454
John (Winonan)	399
Rick (Winona Daily)	270

Last week in the NSIC

Winona State 38, Wayne State 6: Aber had a big day, but so did the WSU defense and running backs. Alex Wiese

ran for 83 yards and Derek Malone went for 64 yards and two scores. The WSU defense forced two turnovers.

Northern State 64, UM-Crookston 13: Russell's big day was more than enough for the Wolves, who also tallied three turnovers and blocked three punts. Northern's Una Lata returned one interception and one blocked punt for a touchdown.

Concordia-St. Paul 21, Southwest Minnesota 17: It took an amazing stand by CSP to conserve this win, stopping Southwest on 4th-and-goal with 1 minute to go.

CSP led 14-3 before SMSU scored 14 straight to take the lead with 8 minutes remaining.

James McNear led Concordia down the field and found Tyrone Ruffin for the game-winning score.

Southwest came back down the field, but Josh Shudlick's pass on fourth down was knocked away.

Bemidji State 27, MSU-Moorhead 13: Although BSU got the win and kept the Battle Axe for another year, this one didn't go the way Bemidji wanted.

The Beavers should have been able to score a lot more points, but it is still a win in the box score.

This week in the NSIC*

Winona State vs. Concordia-St. Paul: The Warriors have faced a couple of athletic quarterback, but none like McNear. Last year, McNear ran for 88 yards and a touchdown and threw three more, and two years ago he ran for a touchdown in overtime to beat WSU.

The Warriors don't want a NSIC split title this year, and don't expect them to get one. WSU wins by a touchdown.

UM-Crookston vs. MSU-Moorhead: This one is the pillow fight of the year. Both teams are terrible, but unlike Crookston, Moorhead actually

has a win.

Look for the Dragons to score at least 30 points and look for UMC running back R.J. Rollins to have 200 yards. MSUM wins by three scores.

Bemidji State vs. Wayne State: BSU is still in the running for a Mineral Water Bowl berth, but only with a win over Wayne.

Look for the Beavers to run up the score and beat WSC by three touchdowns.

Southwest Minnesota vs. Northern State: Northern State is coming off a lot of points against Crookston, and the Southwest defense isn't a whole lot better.

John Russell will have another big day for the Wolves as NSU wins by four touchdowns and puts itself in the tie breaker for a trip to the Mineral Water Bowl.

*All games will be played at the Metrodome.

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Three in a row

Warriors pound Wayne State, clinch third straight Northern Sun title

Scott Swanson
WINONAN

The Winona State University football team steamrolled over another Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference opponent and clinched a share of the conference championship in the process.

The Warriors, led by 295 rushing yards, notched their seventh straight victory with a 38-6 win over Wayne State College.

WSU (8-2, 6-0 NSIC) finishes up the regular season this weekend when it travels to the Metrodome for the Merchant's Bank Metrodome Classic against Concordia-St. Paul (8-2, 5-1).

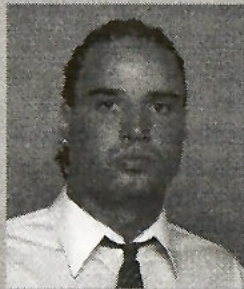
The Warriors look to win the conference outright in a contest that will also decide their postseason fate.

"The game is for all the marbles," said WSU coach Tom Sawyer, whose team can secure a spot in the NCAA playoffs for the third year in a row and fourth time in school history with a win over Concordia. "It should be a great football game."

"We have played in a lot of big games before, including three or four this year. At this point, every game is a big one and this is another one."

This will be one of the biggest regular-season games the Warriors have ever played.

**Winonan Player
of the Week**
Derek Malone
Senior, Running Back
Rochester, Minn.
Major: Phy. Ed.



Derek ran for 64 yards and two touchdowns to help WSU get past Wayne State and earn at least a share of the NSIC title for the third year in a row, a first in conference-history. Derek leads the team with nine rushing touchdowns and is second with 509 rushing yards.

WSU is ranked No. 11 in Monday's regional rankings, down two spots from the previous three polls, and the Warriors need to be in the top 10 to make the playoffs.

A win over CSP will likely get WSU in the playoffs, but Sawyer isn't ready to guarantee anything.

"I would like to think that a win over a good team like Concordia will get us in," said Sawyer, who is on the regional committee. "We have the final say, but we have to go with what the national people want."

"There are a lot of different criteria we look at, and the way

I see it is going to be different from the way another person sees anything. We have a long discussion every week about getting the teams placed in the right spots."

The Warriors dominated from beginning to end against Wayne, starting with a 21-0 lead in the first half.

Sophomore quarterback Drew Aber put the team on his shoulders once again, throwing for 194 yards and two touchdowns and rushing for 94 yards and another score, but the real story was Winona State's rushing attack.

"The game plan was to mix runs and passes 50-50, but the wind changed what we wanted to do," said Sawyer. "We did a nice job running, so we stayed with that."

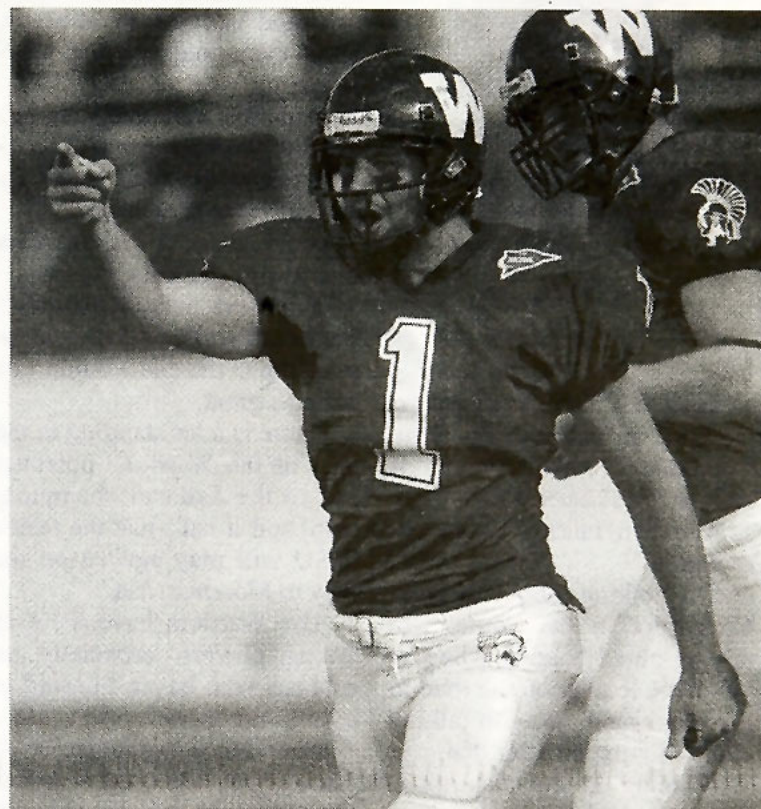
Senior running back Derek Malone gave Winona State an early boost, finding the end zone twice in the first half and finishing with 64 yards on 18 carries.

Aber then connected with receiver Brian Hynes for a 17-yard touchdown to close out the half.

Hynes leads the nation in receiving touchdowns with 17 and was recently named among the final 26 players for the Harlon Hill Trophy that recognizes the best player in Division II football each season. The sixth-year senior also leads the nation in receiving yards with 1,330.

Aber found junior tight end Eric Lemcke for another touchdown midway through the third quarter.

On WSU's next possession, Aber scrambled up the middle for a 62-yard touchdown run on a simple slant play, but Aber saw space up the middle and took off for the longest run of his career.



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

Winona State's Luke Lokanc celebrates one of his three interceptions during the Warriors' final home game two weeks ago. Lokanc has already set a career high with six picks this year with at least one more game to go.

Freshman running back Alex Wiese added 83 yards on nine carries for the Warriors.

Winona State's defense was outstanding again, holding WSC to fewer than 100 yards rushing and just one score.

For the fifth time in six



Aber

games, the Warriors gave up less than 15 points.

"The defense played as good as they have all year, but there is still more there," said Sawyer.

The WSU defense better find that extra something this weekend because it will face a tough test this weekend when Concordia-St. Paul quarterback James McNear goes under center.

McNear was also named a Harlon Hill finalist and has torn

teams apart with both his arm and his legs this season.

The four-year starter leads CSP in both rushing and passing and has accounted for 29 touchdowns, 14 through the air. His 103 rushing yards per game is second in the NSIC behind R.J. Rollins' 108 yards per game.

He is also third in the NSIC in passing yards per game with 199.

McNear has been a thorn in the Warriors' side every time he has taken the field against WSU.

"He is a great runner, there is no doubt about that," Sawyer said. "He runs well and he escapes. He is a great athlete. You can do some scheme things to try and slow him down, but he has to be the No. 1 priority."

Last year, he ran for 88 yards and a score and threw three more as the Golden Bears gave WSU all it could handle, but the Warriors still got the 49-41 win.

Winona State vs. Concordia-St. Paul

Where: Metrodome, Minneapolis.

When: Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Records: Winona 8-2, 6-0 NSIC; Concordia 8-2, 5-1.

On Radio: CD Country 99.3 FM; KQAL 89.5 FM.

Notes: WSU has already clinched a share of the NSIC title, and a win over Concordia would give the Warriors sole possession for the second year in a row. More importantly, a win would put WSU in the NCAA Division II playoffs for the third year in a row. If that happens, the Warriors will likely be on the road in the first round, but there is a lot of football to be played.

Warriors take two defeats

Moorhead, Northern beat Winona State in pair of NSIC matchups

**Felicia Alexander
WINONAN**

The Winona State University volleyball team lost both road games against Minnesota State-Moorhead and Northern State last weekend, leaving the team in sixth place in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference and 15-15 overall

for the season.

WSU lost to Moorhead 30-23, 30-27, 30-28. Three WSU players were in double digits for kills, led by Molly Horihan and Kayla Hall with 11 each, and Amy Etheridge came up big as well with 16 digs.

Moorhead is tied for second place in the NSIC standings.

WSU also played Northern State last weekend and lost 3-

1. Northern State took the first game 30-18, but the Warriors came back to win the second game 32-30.

Northern State won the last two games, both by scores of 30-25.

Although the Warriors lost the match, there were four players in double digits for kills and five players in double digits for digs.

Megan Pulvermacher had 11 kills and Lisa Dobie had 20 digs.

Northern State is in fifth place in the conference.

"It was a disappointing weekend for us," WSU coach Connie Mettill said. "We never

This Weekend
Who: Winona State vs. Concordia-St. Paul
When: Friday, 7 p.m.
Records: WSU is 15-15, CSP is 23-4 and 13-0 in the NSIC.
Notes: Concordia clinched the regular-season title last week, so this will be a warm-up before the NSIC tourney for the Golden Bears. WSU will be looking for the upset on senior day.

like to lose.

"Moorhead is a great team and they are 22nd in the nation for a reason. With Northern State, we just made too many mistakes. You can't win with that many mistakes."

Winona State has one more game before the NSIC tournament starts Nov. 10. The volleyball team will be host NSIC leading Concordia-St. Paul on Friday.

"We need to be aggressive and take care of our side of the net in order to compete with Concordia," Mettill said.

Winonan Player of the Week

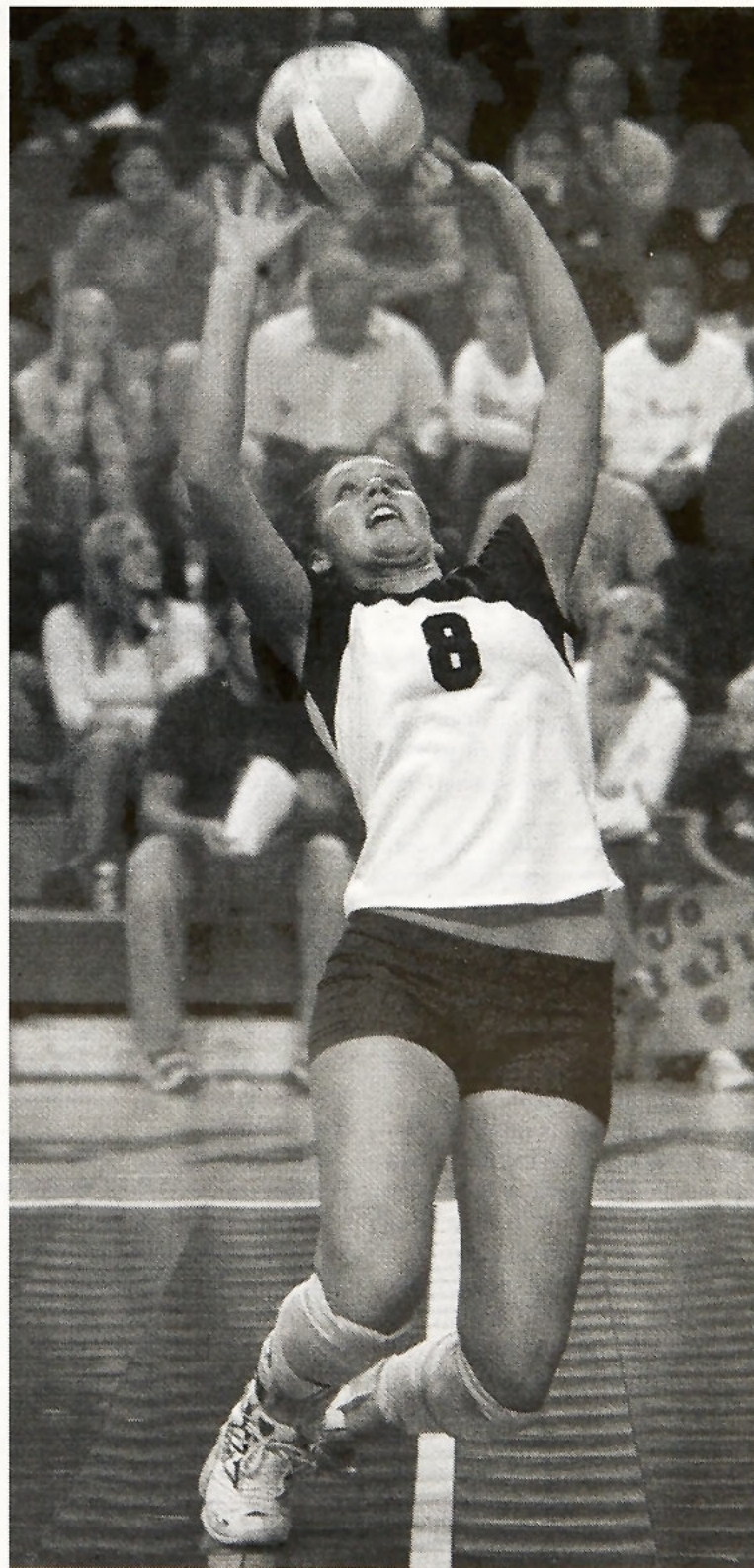
Lisa Dobie
Sophomore, Setter
Glen Ellyn, Ill.
Major: Business Ed.



Lisa had 91 assists in two matches for the Warriors, but WSU lost both matches and fell to 4-9 in the NSIC. She now has 1,284 assists this year, already more than last year with at least three matches to go.

"It's hard to compete against Concordia because you can do everything right and they can still beat you."

CSP beat Winona State 30-18, 30-14, 30-17 the last time the two teams played. WSU has not beaten Concordia in nine



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

Sophomore setter Lisa Dobie puts the ball up for her teammates to spike down on the opponent.

tries since Oct. 24, 2000.

The NSIC tournament will be held at Concordia-St. Paul. The first-round matchups will pit the top four seeds against the bottom four with the winners playing against each other in the semifinals and finals.

If the tournament were to start today, WSU would be the No. 6 seed and face third-seeded Moorhead, while CSP would be first, Southwest Minnesota would be second, Wayne State would be fourth and Northern State would be fifth.



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

Winona State libero Rudi Balich hits a bump pass at McCown Gym. The freshman has been a standout for WSU on defense.

Two wins might not be enough

WSU waiting for committee after two-win weekend puts Warriors in position for playoffs

John Huggenvik
WINONAN

And now, the waiting game begins.

The Winona State University women's soccer team did what it needed to do in order to make the NCAA national tournament, but the Warriors will need to sit back and wait to see what happens.

After a costly tie — not loss — to Bemidji State the weekend before last, the Warriors fell from the thick of the playoff race to outside looking in, ranked sixth in the Central Region, two spots from a berth.

"It is just sad that we can win this many games and have to wait to the last week to see if we are going to be in," WSU coach Ali Omar said. "But when you are 15-1-2 (after the BSU tie) and someone says you still need to prove yourself, you are going to respond."

The Warriors responded over the weekend, scoring a 4-2 win at Maxwell Field at Midwest Wireless Stadium in their final regular season home game.

The Warriors finished the regular season with a road win the next day when they shut out Concordia-St. Paul 1-0.

"(This weekend) should push us up to five in the region at least," Omar said. "But I really can't say what the rankings look like. I am going crazy trying to figure it out, but I don't know."

Four of the five teams ahead of the Warriors in the

Winonan Player of the Week

Holly Sutton
Sophomore, Forward
Elk River, Minn.
Major: Exercise Science



Holly scored twice for WSU in a big 4-2 win over Mankato. She has scored 10 goals and tallied 25 points this season, both second on the team. Holly is the first Warrior to be selected as Player of the Week twice.

Oct. 26 poll (Nebraska-Omaha, Mankato, North Dakota and South Dakota) are in the North Central Conference, while the other (Missouri Southern State) is in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

In the mean time, the Warriors hosted UM-Crookston in the first round of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championship tournament yesterday, but the Winonan went to press before results of that game were final.

Only the Warriors have swept the regular season and tournament championships in the same season in the last five years, taking both in 2000.

"This is a situation that we need to find some kind of motivation," Omar said. "Our goal for the season was higher than just winning the conference, so having that isn't a big motivation for us. We need to find something to get us going and get the regional thing out of our mind and focus on this week."

"We didn't handle things

well against Crookston on the road and we need to make sure we take care of business when they come here. It looks like we will play Wayne State after that. Same thing there, they played a very physical game against us and we want to control play better than we did that time.

"Sunday's opponent won't matter. It is the championship and we are going to go out there and play our best soccer."

The Warriors couldn't ask for a better way to head into the conference tournament, with the Mankato and Concordia wins giving the Warriors the highest win total in the region.

The Warriors fought a see-saw battle with MSUM, and even though the Mavericks answered the Warriors scores, WSU found a way to win.

Gina Florian got things going, scoring in the 26th minute off a Leslie Schumacher assist.

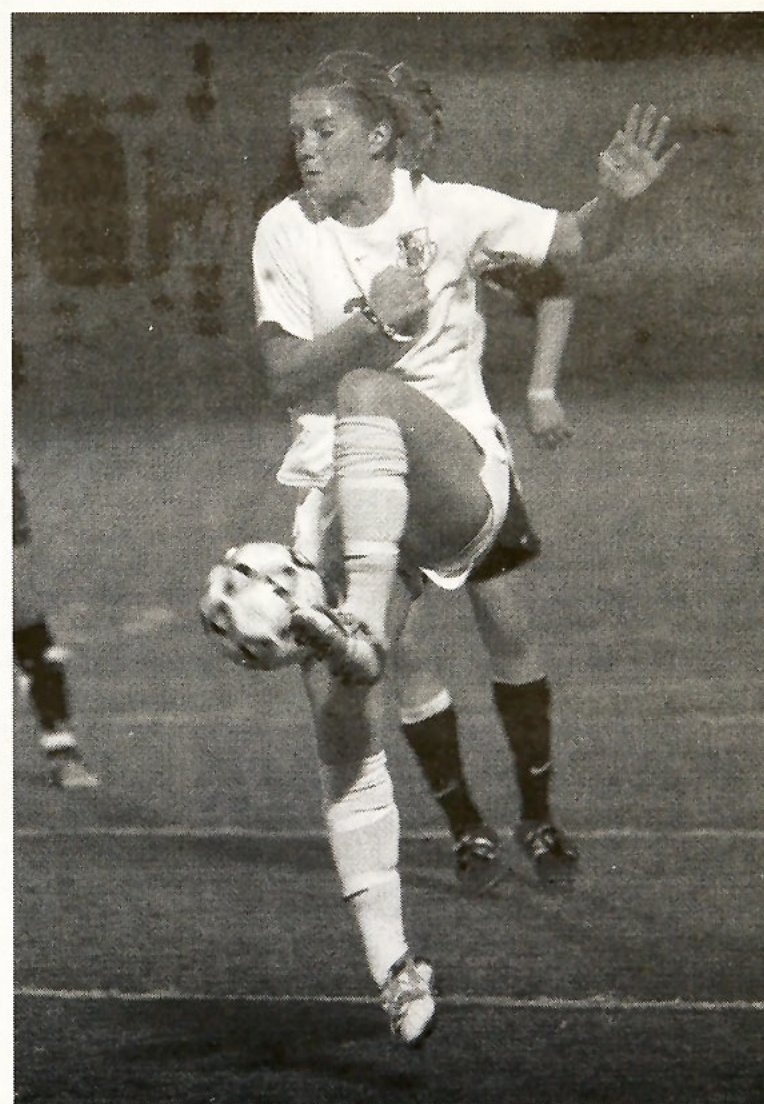
Holly Sutton scored the first of her two goals to give WSU a 2-0 lead five minutes into the second half.

Gionni Diggs pulled MSUM back to within one, but Kayla Walters, who was injured earlier in the game, scored her team leading 12th goal of the year to get WSU back in front 3-1 with help from Kallie Tellefsen.

Diggs answered back for the Mavericks, but Sutton scored her second on Annie Lauterer's assist to give the Warriors the 4-2 win.

Sutton has been on a tear, scoring six goals in the final six games of the regular season. She is second on the team with 10 goals.

"I think that a lot of different girls showed a lot of maturity and leadership in that one," Omar said. "(Christine) Beatty, one of our team leaders went down, and girls stepped up and got it done. Kayla Walters gets hurt before half, but she comes



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

Winona State midfielder Erin McDowell controls the ball during Friday night's game against Mankato. The sophomore has seven goals and five assists this season.

back in after the trainer works on her at half and she gets a goal even though she is a little sore."

CSP seemed to have figured a way to slow down WSU, but the Golden Bears were playing against a WSU team that didn't have three regulars and the starting goalie.

"They were in a defensive shell most of the game," Omar said. "They were really only running one forward and though they had 11 shots, only one was something we needed a save on."

"It takes a lot of energy to play anybody after the game like we had the day before," Omar said. "We had some key people sit that one out. Our bench is deep enough that we can keep some of those people out."

Regional Rankings

As of Oct. 26

Records as of Oct. 31

	Record	In-Region
Neb.-Omaha	13-2	12-1
MSU-Mankato	10-7-1	11-2-1
North Dakota	11-4-1	9-4-1
South Dakota	12-5-1	12-5-1
Miss. Southern	10-4-4	9-2-4
Winona State	17-1-2	17-1-2

This Weekend

Who: Winona State hosts the NSIC Tournament.

When: Saturday and Sunday, noon on both days.

Records: WSU 17-1-2 overall.

Notes: WSU won the regular-season title and will be looking for the tournament title as well. Last week's win over Mankato likely gave WSU an NCAA playoff spot for the third year in a row, but the seedings won't be released until Monday.

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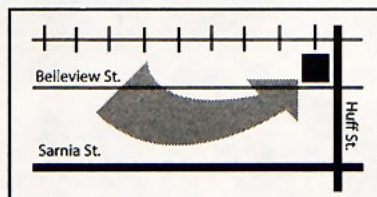
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Soccer takes down Mankato

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